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Homicide Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department reports that the Cold Case Unit has obtained a Capital Murder warrant against Tricia Abney W/F 40 years of age in relation to a 1995 Missing Persons case that has now been ruled a homicide. Abney is currently being held in the Jefferson County Jail on no bond.

In June of 1995 Justin Barnett W/M who was 23 years of age at the time was reported missing and never seen from or heard from again. In January of 2015, Cold Case Unit detectives received information with several new leads in this case. Due to evidence discovered during the investigation, Barnett has been declared the victim of a homicide. It is believed that Barnett was murdered at an apartment in the 7700 block of Sunrise Lane. Cold Case Unit detectives presented their findings to the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office and a Capital Murder warrant was issued for Abney's arrest. The Crime Reduction Team arrested Abney without incident on Wednesday, July 22, 2015, without incident.

If there is anyone who has information pertaining to the case, they are encouraged to contact the B.P.D. Homicide Unit @ 254-1764 or Crime Stoppers @ 254-7777.